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1. DE - D 16312 II/63 C

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translation or abstract of Document 1 is readily available. It is stated in the Hearing Transcript that Document 1 relates to a lining of a front wall in a vehicle for acoustic insulation. A front wall lining for acoustic insulation provides a person skilled in the art the hint when corresponding conditions are present. The transfer to an axle carrier constitutes an ordinary activity by a person skilled in the art. This satisfies Applicants' obligation of explaining relevancy of non-English document.

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